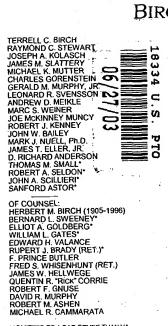
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As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

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- A specification consisting of TWELVE (12) pages 冈
- TWO (2) sheet(s) of formal drawings 冈
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119  $\boxtimes$ based on Application No(s). 02078188.6 filed in EPO on June 28, 2002.
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